# FAUQUIER COUNTY ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

## **Meeting Minutes**

August 1, 2018 4:00 p.m. Warren Green Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room 10 Hotel Street, Warrenton

### Attendance:

Mary Root, Chair (Citizen-at-Large)
Jack LaMonica (Marshall District Representative)
Bryan Jacobs (Lee District Representative)
Reta Rodgers (Cedar Run District Representative)
Virginia Gerrish (Center District Representative)
John Toler (Scott District Representative)

## Absent:

Bob Lee (Planning Commission Representative)

### Staff:

Wendy Wheatcraft, Staff Maureen Williamson, Staff

- 1. Ms. Root called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
- 2. The July 11, 2018 meeting minutes were reviewed.

Ms. Root made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

3. Ongoing Business – Warrenton Training Center

As part of a mitigation effort related to the demolition of historic buildings at the Warrenton Training Center, Ms. Wheatcraft told the ARB that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) per a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was to provide community education regarding the former site through interpretive signage and a traveling exhibit. She reported receiving mock-up draft panels. She shared hard copies of the draft exhibit text and images provided by the federal agency.

Ms. Root asked if any of the architectural features of the school buildings had been preserved. Ms. Wheatcraft said that according to the MOA, only landscape features were to be saved.

Ms. Gerrish asked Ms. Wheatcraft to scan the hard copies to provide the ARB with electronic copies.

4. New Business - Identification of Slave Cemetery, Rock Run Road
Ms. Wheatcraft provided the ARB with photo copies of an 1860 deed, which mentions the
location of a slave cemetery in the area of Rock Run Road. To assist the ARB in pinpointing
the possible location of the slave cemetery, she also provided hard copies of Wynne Safer's

research on property ownership and boundary lines as they would have been in 1861 and a current parcel map of the area of the cemetery. She suggested that if an approximate location could be determined, then later in the year (after the high vegetation has died off), the burial ground could potentially be field located.

Ms. Root commented that the deed is difficult to work with, as we are unsure how the surveyor took the measurements at that time. In the end, the ARB was unable to pinpoint an approximate location of the cemetery during the meeting. Ms. Root suggested that additional deed research be performed, particularly of adjoining parcels.

## 5. Announcements

Cemetery Disturbance at Rattlesnake Mountain - Update
Ms. Wheatcraft reported that the County recently received a complaint from a resident about significant land disturbance on Mt. Paran Church Road. She said that the complaint prompted Zoning staff to return to the site. She, however, did not know the outcome of the site visit.

### **Events**

- August 11, 2018 The Mosby Heritage Area Association has partnered with the residents of Willisville (Loudoun County) to have the village added to the National Register of Historic Places. Freedmen founded Willisville after the Civil War; it is one of the best-preserved villages of its date and cultural affiliation. A gospel concert will be held at Buchanan Hall to raise funds for the district nomination.
  - August 25-26, 2018 The Slave Dwelling Project Comes to Fauquier (AAHA, Clifton Institute, Sky Meadows State Park, Weston)
- 6. The next ARB meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 5, 2018.
- 7. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.